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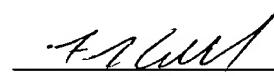
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 34-42 are pending. No claims have been amended, and no new claims have been added in this reply. Claims 38-42 have been cancelled to place the application in condition for allowance. Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 38-40 have been rejected in the office action under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent no. 5,259,769 (Cruise). Claims 41 and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Cruise in view of U.S. patent no. 6,024,584 (Lemke). Claims 38-42 have been canceled, thus rendering these rejections moot with respect to those claims.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 34-37 by the Examiner in the office action. Allowed claims 34-37 will be the only claims pending in the application upon the cancellation of claims 38-42. A notice of allowability is respectfully requested.

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